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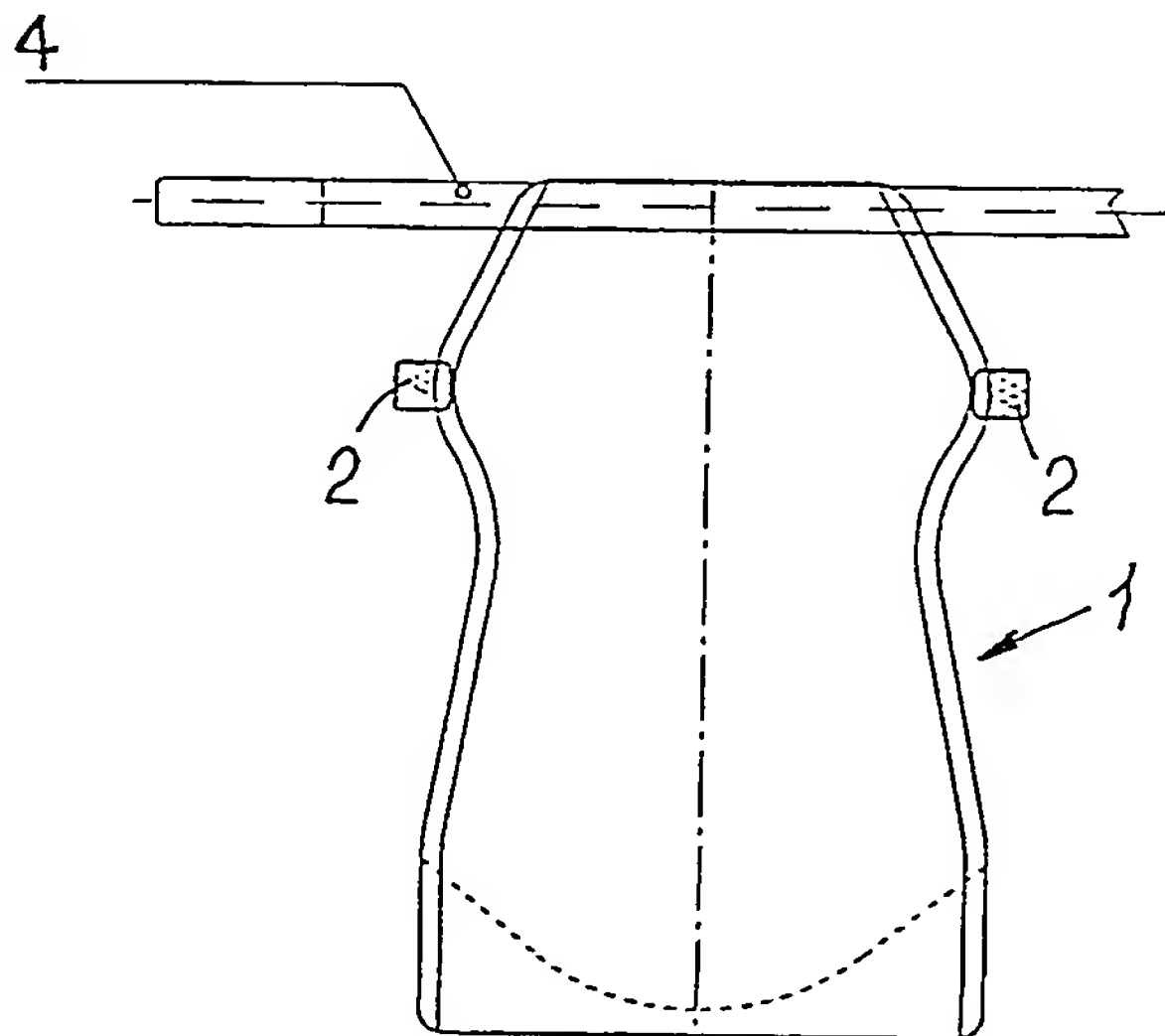
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPENING A FLEXIBLE POUCH



(57) **Abstract:** A method for opening a flexible pouch (1),
and in particular heat-sensitive edges (3) of a mouth of the
pouch, provides for the opening of the edges (3) of the mouth
to occur by simple heating until the mutual detachment of the
edges (3) of the opening with the formation of an adequate
(6). A device for opening the pouch (1) comprises heating
means so shaped as to heat a heat-sensitive area of the mouth
of the pouch until causing its opening. The heating means can
comprise at least a nozzle (7) able to emit a jet of warm air that
heats the mouth of the pouch (1) or a pair of heated shaped
guides (4) between which transits the area of the mouth of the
pouch (1) whilst the guides (4) press against the pouch itself
or are simply in contact therewith.

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